

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph.

A further ~~preferred~~preferred modification includes Locked Nucleic Acids (LNAs) in which the 2'-hydroxyl group is linked to the 3' or 4' carbon atom of the sugar ring thereby forming a bicyclic sugar moiety. The linkage is preferably a ~~methelyne~~methylene  $(-\text{CH}_2-)_n$  group bridging the 2' oxygen atom and the 4' carbon atom wherein n is 1 or 2. LNAs and preparation thereof are described in WO 98/39352 and WO 99/14226.